





# NOT THE RIGHT MAN

Dead Man on Allen Farm  
Not Rittmann.

# WIFE WAS IN DECATUR TODAY

Seeking to Identify the Clothing as  
That Belonging to Her Hus-  
band—Was Satisfied It  
Was Not Him.

Mrs. Fritz Rittmann, of Peoria, was in the city today for the purpose of identifying the possessions of the dead man found south of the city on the Allen farm some time ago. She believed that the man was her husband but an investigation proved that the man found near Decatur could not possibly have been the husband of Mrs. Rittmann. The woman visited Coroner Benture at his office and was shown samples of the clothing found on the dead man and also his watch. She had the number of her husband's watch and it did not correspond to the watch found on the dead man. Deputy Coroner Roy Benture then took Mrs. Rittmann to call on Mr. Younts, the grocer, who was the last person to see alive the man whose body was found on the Allen place. Mrs. Rittmann was satisfied by the description given by Mr. Younts that the dead man was not her husband and she returned to Peoria.

Rittmann was employed by the P. D. and E. railroad at Pekin and was a sober industrious man. The last seen of him was on June 15 when he had been paid \$40. Two strangers were seen to approach him at a switch and the three walked away together and Rittmann has not been seen since. The articles in the newspapers were noticed by Mrs. Rittmann and she referred the matter to one of the railroad detectives. She was furnished transportation to come to Decatur and learn whether or not the man found here was her husband.

# A SEVERE SNOW STORM.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 3.—The most severe snow storm of the season, accompanied by a heavy wind, prevails throughout eastern Missouri and Kansas. In southern Kansas there are prospects for one of the worst storms ever encountered.

# GOING TO CUBA MORE SOLDIERS

Second Division, 7th Corps, to Move  
Early Next Week.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 3.—The 2d division of the 7th corps is expected to get away for Cuba by the middle of next week. There are three transports now in the harbor, the Minnawaska, Michigan and Panama. These can carry about one regiment each. General George Davis, who will be military governor for the province of Pinar del Rio, will sail on the Minnawaska.

# FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS

Elks Will Hold Memorial Services on  
Sunday Afternoon.

The following is the program which will be given at the Elks memorial services at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock:

Organ Prelude—Mrs. H. M. Wood.  
Quartet, "The Dove Is Loose in Eastern Skies"—R. W. Carlson, J. Sherman McJelland, Bert Gher, J. L. Patten.

Invocation—Rev. W. C. Miller.  
Opening Ode—Members of Lodge.  
Welcome Address—Rev. W. H. Penhalligon.

Solo, "The Heavenly Song"—Miss Anna T. Roberts.

Address—James S. Baldwin.

Solo, "The Golden Threshold"—Mrs. Fred C. Storer.

Address—Bro. Carlos S. Hardy of Chicago Lodge No. 4.

Quartet—"Life's Journey."—Penetration—Rev. W. F. Gilmore.

Organ Postlude—Mrs. H. M. Wood.

Harvey Arrested.

Deputy Cloyd Gates today arrested Bert Harvey on a charge of assault and battery. John Lane was the complainant and filed information in the county court. Harvey gave bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in the county court.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone or J. Hubbard and get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Syrup and Tar, which will cure him.

# CLIMBING THE ALPS BY RAIL.

An Electric Line Up the Gornegrat Peak Will Soon Be in Operation.

"There shall be no Alps," said Napoleon, and he dragged his army over them. Modern science has accomplished the same annihilation. The new electric railroad up the side of Gornegrat, one of the highest peaks of the range, will be opened soon. So elated is the engineer with his success that he is already planning to build a road up the steep ascent of Mont Blanc, "the monarch of mountains." The road up Gornegrat is ten miles long and rises by a gradient of about one foot in five during most of its ascent, reaching its highest point at Tyfelpalp station. This is situated on the ridge and is over 10,000 feet above the level of the sea and lies between the Findeken and Gornegrat glaciers.

From Gornegrat the traveler has a view unrivaled throughout the Alps. It has long been the favorite excursion of Swiss travelers who ascended it to Zermatt by a mule path with comparative safety and comfort. Beyond a foot path ascends almost to the top, but its dangers and difficulties forbid its ascent to all but the most intrepid mountain climbers. The new road, however, brings it within the reach of all.

Tyfelpalp there overlooks the entire Findeken valley and the traveler might be well satisfied to return by the way he came. However, the engineer has been even more considerate. By reversing the direction of his train he carries you right down into and through the valley, bringing you back by a beautiful circuitous route to Zermatt.

The trains will be driven by electricity generated from the torrent that flows from the Findeken glacier, a huge pipe down the mountain side carrying the water at a high pressure to the dynamo beneath the bridge. The dynamo is capable of developing 1,500 horse power and the current will be conveyed by overhead wires to the motors attached to the carriages. The bridge across the Findeken is unique, as it is 184 feet above the river, or 16 feet higher than the bridge at Fribourg, hitherto the highest railway bridge in Switzerland. The electrical motors will drive onto a central cogged rail, between the two ordinary rails, as the gradient is much too steep for the train to be driven by simple adhesion.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

# HOW WE "IMPROVISED" WAR.

A French Writer's Opinion of the American Way of Winning Victories.

The following is from a letter written from Paris by a correspondent of the Italian paper, La Tribuna. It is translated from the Italian paper by a friend of the Mail and Express residing in Brewster, Mass. The communication shows that the French did not in their hearts think so meanly of American valor and achievement as their national organs about that time led their readers to believe. "The Americans," said Le Matin, "are still apprentices in the art of war." Such, however, was not the view of an intelligent French correspondent, when he wrote the following to his Italian newspaper:

"Paris, Aug. 8, 1898.—We are profoundly humiliated as Latins in particular, and as Europeans in general. For 24 years all the civilized countries on the eastern continent, in a course at once foolish and fatal, lavished millions or more (those who are able) to organize their armies and their fleets. Millions of men are torn away from work, to learn to kill reciprocally. In a war perhaps that no one wishes, and that no one hopes anything from. They do as he who ruins himself in accumulating materials to build a house, that finished may fall on him and crush him. And here is a country of 75,000,000 of souls, that in normal times has neither army nor fleet, which improvises both in three months and accomplishes miracles. And note that, the war finished, soldiers and sailors will be disbanded, and that there will only remain of so great a force the titles of captain or commodore, or of general on their visiting cards, and also a small army of pensioners. Every three or four years we change our armaments, guns, the powder, the models of our ships, and the Americans stand and look on! We spend systematically the nerve and shrew of our fortunes, and they come in a moment, spend in a twinkling the twentieth part of what we spend in 20 years, and they succeed. And of what avail is the heroism of the Spaniards, who have served at least the worship of honor, against this 'improvisation'? Nothing, because the Americans 'improvise' also generals and admirals, and playing their lives in a war like this absolutely as when playing, they gain, lose and remain a fortune in a coup on the board without lowering an eyelid."—N. Y. Mail and Express.

"Wych" Hazel, Not Witch Hazel.  
The correct name for hamamelis virginica is not witch hazel, but wych hazel. Our plant has no connection with the magic of the water witch. The blackthorn of England, prunus spinosa, was the word used in these divinations, or whatever these superstitious practices may be termed. Hazel is a very wide meaning in the old times, and the elm, as well as the nut (only known as such, was hazel. One of these elms, now known as alnus montana, was the favorite wood for making wyes, or provision charts, and was therefore known as the wych hazel. In the present day it is the wych elm. Our hamamelis received from the early settlers the name of wych hazel from the resemblance of the leaves to those of the wych elm. The elm of the old world, Terga, is a commoner name, but wych should be spelled with a 'y' and is the correct term for our plant. —Meehan's Monthly.

# Oriental Princes.

Business of special importance will be transacted at the December meeting of the Princes of the Orient to be held next Wednesday night at the temple in Powers' block. The presence of every prince is earnestly desired. Annual election of officers.

Judgment is forced upon us by experience.—Johnson.

# BURGLAR IN THE HOUSE.

Mrs. Ed Starr and Her  
Cousin Given a Big Scare

Unexpected Appearance of a Would-be  
Robber in Riverside Place—Was  
Frightened Away—Nothing Stolen

A man presumably with burglary as his intentions entered the house of Edward Starr in Riverside Place last night and succeeded in frightening Mrs. Starr and a cousin who was spending the night with her into a condition that was not far short of nervous prostration today.

Mr. Starr has been out of town for a week. Mrs. Starr, with her cousin, the children and the domestic, were in the house last night. Company was present early in the evening and Mrs. Starr, together with her cousin and the children retired about 10 o'clock. At 10:30 the domestic came home and Mrs. Starr went down stairs to let her in. Mrs. Starr and her cousin were sleeping in a room adjoining the room where the children were in bed and a light was burning in the children's room. About 12:30 Mrs. Starr was awakened. Just how she cannot explain. She opened her eyes and saw a man standing by her side of the bed looking into her face, evidently trying to see if she was sound asleep. Her first impulse was to cry out and awaken her cousin. She closed her eyes and opened them again, to find the man gone. Without making a sound she pinched her cousin and awakened her; the cousin sitting up in bed just in time to see the man crawling on his hands and knees past the lighted door into the children's room and into the hall. They both heard him go down stairs, pass into the dining room through a swinging door and into the parlor over a board that creaked when stepped upon, and finally heard him raise the window opening onto the front porch and leave the house.

His finger marks were plainly visible on the window sill this morning. Neither Mrs. Starr nor her cousin slept again and both laid afraid to move or make a noise, waiting for the morning. Investigation this morning proved that nothing had been taken from the house. It is thought the man, finding nothing downstairs, came upstairs with the intention of going through the bed rooms, but was frightened away by the knowledge that somebody was awake. There was no silverware, jewelry or money downstairs to tempt him and it is supposed he left disgusted with the attempt to find the place where the valuables were kept.

Mrs. Starr describes him as tall and slender, with a long face and either a very high forehead or bald. He had a smooth face and wore an overcoat. Mrs. Starr thinks that the man was in the house all evening as she heard several noises that caused her to wonder, but did not suspect their true cause. They have a large dog, but he was accidentally locked in the barn.

At the court house this afternoon S. S. Jack, assignee of Michael Eichinger, sold at public auction the real estate belonging to the bankrupt estate. The sale was held in the corridor of the lower floor of the court house and was attended by quite a number of business men and real estate dealers who are interested in such matters. Alexander McIntosh acted as auctioneer and Attorney T. B. Jack was clerk. A good deal of interest was shown in the sale of the property. There was offered for sale a large number of lots in Eichinger Heights, some other city property and some western land. The property was sold to the following persons up to the time of going to press:

House and lot, 235 West Eldorado street, to D. C. Corley, \$2955.

House and lot, 159 West Eldorado street, to Dr. M. DeMont, \$2355.

Residence property, Riverside place, to Robert Ryans, \$2250.

House and lot, 1703 East Main street, to R. V. Rouch, \$450.

House and lot at 1701 East Main street, to D. C. Corley, \$450.

Lots in block 4 of Eichinger Heights, J. D. Roth, for \$57.50 each.

Lots in block 7, same addition, to D. J. Milligan, of Niantic, \$28.75 each.

Lots in block 6, same addition, to J. D. Roth, \$31.50 each.

Lots in block 5, same addition, to D. J. Milligan, \$39 each.

A woman seldom throws at anything until she is so mad that she can't see straight.

# CLOAKS and SUITS.

Choice Tailor Made Jackets, made of fine all-wool Kersey cloth, silk lined.....\$5.00

Ladies' Fine Jackets, made of heavy all-wool Crepon cloth, double-breasted front, high storm collar.....\$7.50

Ladies' Choice New Style Box Front Jackets, 22 inches long, fancy silk lined, fine all-wool Kersey, in navy, black, princess, tan, castor and Cadet.....\$10.00

New Covert Cloth Street Suits, 22-inch Jacket, Spanish flounce skirt, in all the good shades, only.....\$10.00

Ladies' New Fur Collarettes, in Electric Seal, Black Marten, Stone Marten.....\$1.95 to \$2.00

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DRY GOODS & MILLINERY  
Decatur, Ill.

Agents Jouvin Kid Gloves.

# Investigation.

The committee appointed to investigate the settlement made by Street Superintendent A. W. Williams met Friday afternoon and again in the evening. It is understood that a good deal of conflicting testimony was heard and that the committee have not yet reached any results. It is not likely that they will have any report to make at the next meeting of the council.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets  
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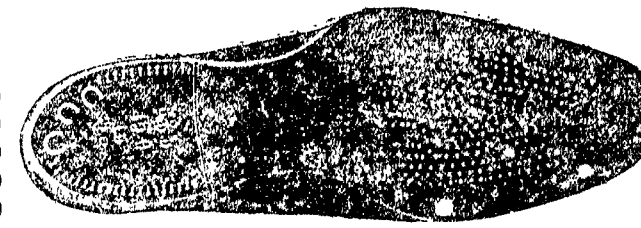
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Dentist.  
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Prices are at about cost. Every pair will stand the hardest knocks.

FOR \$1.00, SIZES 6 TO 8.

The boy weaver that you have ever seen. Uppers of black kid, spring heels, button on lace, stout soles—sizes 6 to 8.

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Suits, made of fine all-wool  
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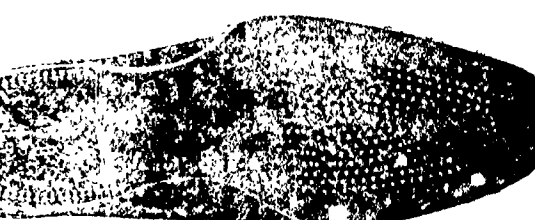
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Boys' Fine Vest Suits, ages 3 to 7,  
in strictly all wool fabrics, in  
small grey and brown checks,  
flannel and plain black and  
blues, handsomely trimmed and  
raided. Special good values  
at.....\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50



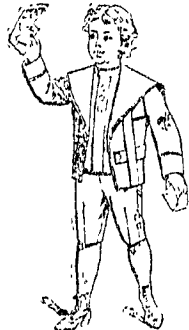
BOYS' BOX TOP OVERCOATS,  
ages 5 to 12, at \$5.00 and \$6.00.

Boys' Reefers, with big storm  
collars, at \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50  
and \$5.00.

We show the very best to be had at the  
price—ages 3 to 15.

BOYS' FINE DRESS SUITS,  
Double and Single-Breasted, in Fine  
Blue Serge, Plain and Fancy Cheviots,  
ages 6 to 16—Special good wool  
suits, at.....\$2.50 to \$8.00

Boys' Leather Leggings,  
Boys' Fine Shirts.  
Boys' Waists,  
Boys' Sweaters,



## The Boys' Outfitters ---ARE--- OTTENHEIMER & CO.,

The Leading Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

## The New Books...

THE POPULAR ONES OF THE DAY

Rupert of Hunsbury.....by Anthony Hope.  
The Gadfly.....by Voynich.  
The Forest Lovers.....by Hewlett.  
Yesterdays in the Philippines.....by Stevens.  
Helbeck of Bannisdale.....by Mrs. Humphrey Ward.  
Penelope's Progress.....by Kate Wiggins.

AND MANY OTHERS, can be found at

**J. EDWARD SAXTON'S  
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# To the Public.

After more than seven years of successful business in Decatur  
due to the high class of goods we have always carried in stock,  
enjoying the patronage of the people of Decatur and Macon  
county on first-class goods at lowest cash prices, our lease expir-  
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**Our Entire Stock of Ladies' and Gents'**  
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**An Entire New Stock of Millinery.**  
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**INFERIOR GOODS  
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Therefore buy the  
Best only at

**HEILMAN'S,** Lincoln  
Square.

**THE WEATHER.**

CHICAGO, December 3.—(Illinois):  
Snow and colder tonight; Sunday  
partly cloudy, with colder in the  
south and central portions; brisk to  
high winds, northerly.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure head  
aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on  
any goods. Collateral, best rates.

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You pay a little more for the clothes  
that Denz makes but—

Days are our wings; sorrow our  
spurs.

For Sale.—A new sewing machine at  
one-fourth the regular price. Apply to  
O. Ewing, corner of West Main and Pine  
streets.—su-dit

Last evening Mrs. A. M. Hawes en-  
tertained a number of lady friends at  
tea at her home on North Edward  
street.

Why send your money out of town  
when we take your subscriptions at  
publishers' prices.

L. Chonax's News House.

The revival meetings in the Gumber-  
land Presbyterian church have been  
well attended and full of interest. This  
week. There have been several pro-  
fessions of faith, members will re-  
ceive Sunday. Rev. D. W. Check  
did the preaching this week and he  
did it well. The meetings are ex-  
pected to continue next week.

"Neglected colds make fat grave-  
yards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine  
Syrup helps men and women to a  
happy, vigorous old age. Sold by all  
druggists.

There will be an early morning  
prayer meeting in the lecture room of  
the First Presbyterian church tomor-  
row morning at 7 o'clock. The meet-  
ing will be in charge of Mrs. R. G.  
Wells. The members of the Presby-  
terian church and C. E. society are es-  
pecially urged to be present, and mem-  
bers of all other churches are cordially  
invited.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness  
of the skin of any sort instantly re-  
lieved, permanently cured. Doan's  
Ointment. At any drug store.

Ehrmann's laundry regrets their fail-  
ure to deliver all work today, caused  
by the accident at the gas works. All  
work will be delivered promptly Mon-  
day if gas is turned on by the works.

Going Home to Spend Christmas.

Cheap rates via the P. D. and E.  
Ry. during the holidays. Confer freely  
with ticket agent as to particulars, or  
correspond with A. G. Palmer, G. P.  
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**Holiday Rates.**

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell  
tickets between points on its line on  
December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and  
January 1, at rate of one and one-  
third fare for the round trip. Tickets  
good returning until January 3. Call  
on your ticket agent for particulars as  
to territory.—2-28d

## CLUB CIRCLE

Mrs. Crosby's Talk on  
Music to the Ladies

AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Subject: "Sound as an Emotional  
Language"—Solos by Mr.  
Dunston—Club Calendar  
for the Week.

The members of the Musical Cul-  
ture club presented to the music  
lovers of the city one of the greatest  
treasures of the year in the lecture given  
at the Woman's club rooms last even-  
ing by Mrs. Ellen Crosby, the Wagner-  
ian exponent, of Chicago. Mrs.  
Crosby talked on "Sound as an Emo-  
tional Language," illustrating her re-  
marks by reproducing certain passages  
in music, the illustrations being from  
Lena Lehmann's "In a Persian Gar-  
den." The words of the song from  
which the illustrations were taken are  
from the "Rubaiyat" of Omar  
Khayyam. Mrs. Crosby gave the in-  
terpretation of "The Persian Garden"  
in the same manner as she interprets  
and illustrates Wagner's compositions.  
She took up the story from the first,  
carrying it through in music and  
dialogue, showing by illustration how  
perfectly the music expressed the  
words.

Preceding the interpretation of the  
poems Mrs. Crosby explained that we  
have two natures that are susceptible  
to the claims of music, the mental  
and the emotional. The words tell  
the story to the mental understanding  
and the music to the emotional.  
Every emotion we have may express  
its counterpart in music. The com-  
bination of speech and song was the  
characteristic which opened the  
world's ears to the "Persian Garden."  
The music does not destroy the signifi-  
cance of the words of the great poem,  
but rather brightens and interprets  
them.

The speaker told of how our nature  
is reflected in the tones of our voice.  
From infancy we have associated cer-  
tain sounds with certain emotions.  
When we hear persons speak crossly  
it is not necessary to be told that they  
are in an ill humor. The tones of their  
voice strikes similar chords in our  
own natures. If they speak of love  
the tones vibrate in your own soul and  
respond. We are all musicians. We  
never speak but what we produce  
beautiful compositions. Every time  
we speak a sentence we are singing  
chords of music. We may not per-  
ceive the vocalization, perhaps, but  
music exists in every tone we utter.  
This is not a new idea, we are simply  
getting back to nature.

Mrs. Crosby in speaking of Leh-  
mann and her wonderful compositions,  
said that she was among the first of  
the musical women to advance the  
thought that women can be great as  
composers and possibly, great as men,  
as leaders of orchestras. The great  
composer is coming to America soon  
to conduct her own work.  
Mrs. Lehmann's style, she said, had  
three strong characteristics. She was  
great precision in the declamation,  
the motif and the Oriental coloring.  
However, it might be said in a criti-  
cal way that in choosing to set the  
music to a philosophic or abstract  
poem the lyric style has to be used  
with great sacrifice of accurate inter-  
pretation. The lyric style is quite  
adaptable to the lighter songs of the  
day, but when a high motif is to be  
interpreted the music language is in-  
appropriate.

At the conclusion of the lecture  
George J. Dunston rendered several  
passages of the song in a manner that  
brought forth great applause and also  
words of commendation from the  
speaker.

CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK  
ENDING DECEMBER 10.

Monday, December 5.—Society divi-  
sion, Mrs. W. F. Gillmore chairman.  
No meeting.

Tuesday, December 6.—Chautauqua  
division, Mrs. Koller chairman. Sub-  
ject, "Twenty Centuries of English  
History," chapter XL: "Europe in  
the 19th Century," chapters XXIII-  
XXIV-XV. In the Chautauqua "The  
Immensity of London," "Human  
Life of God."

Tuesday, December 6.—Child's  
Study division, Mrs. Eugenia Bacon  
chairman. Subject, "Home Govern-  
ment," "The Mother's Share," Mrs.  
A. T. Whitsell. "The Father's  
Share," Mrs. Torrey. "The Children's  
Share," Mrs. Harley Maris.

Tuesday, December 6.—Psalms  
division, Miss Anna Badenhausen  
chairman. Subject, Homer's "Odes-  
say."

Wednesday, December 7, Shakes-  
pear division, Mrs. Minnie P. Hos-  
tetter chairman. Subject, "King  
John."

Thursday, December 8.—Art and  
Literature division, Mrs. J. S. King  
chairman. Subject, "Sketch of Al-  
phonse Daudet," Mrs. Sellars; "The  
Head of the Family," Daudet, Mrs.  
Stutzenberger.

Friday, December 9.—Musical divi-  
sion, Miss Laura Snaffer chairman.  
Subject, "Life of Bellini, Norma, La  
Somnambula, I Puritani," Miss Hendle.

The Smallwood Will.

The last will of the late J. P. Small-  
wood will be probated in the county

court on December 24. The only child  
and chief beneficiary of the will,  
which disposes of property valued at  
about \$150,000, is Frank Smallwood,  
who soon after his father's death filed  
a petition in the county court to admit  
the will to probate and the time was  
then set for the hearing for December  
2. Young Smallwood went into the  
county court Friday and formally dis-  
missed his petition. O. B. Gorin,  
named in the will as executor of the  
estate, filed a petition by his attorney,  
W. T. Canning, to admit the will to  
probate. Judge Hammer fixed the time  
for the hearing for December 24.  
There was no legal error in the sub-  
mission of the will nor in the original  
petition.

## JUDGE'S DECISION

In Matter of Settlement  
of Ewing Estate.

ADMINISTRATOR GETS \$1598

While Guardian of Minor Heirs Want-  
ed the Amount to be \$1080—  
The Case Appealed to  
Circuit Court.

Judge Hammer rendered his judg-  
ment in the matter of the final report  
in the Charles A. Ewing estate in the  
county court at 9 o'clock this morn-  
ing. The only exception made to the  
final report was as to the allowance to  
the administrator of his compensa-  
tion, in all other respects being ap-  
proved, and no exceptions being made  
to any other item. James S. Ewing,  
guardian of the minor heirs of Charles  
A. Ewing, deceased, filed exceptions  
to the allowances to the administrator  
claiming that the administrator was  
only entitled to receive \$1080. Judge  
Hammer after a full hearing in the  
matter decided the administrator was  
entitled to receive for his services the  
sum of \$1598.25, stating in giving his  
decision that it is the judgment of  
court that the administrator of the  
estate has discharged his trust with  
great skill and as a matter of equity  
deserves an allowance by the court of  
more than the legal fee for the excel-  
lent service rendered, yet under the  
law of the statutes of this state the  
court cannot see its way clear to grant  
a fee which as a man it feels has been  
earned by the administrator and would  
only be a reasonable compensation for  
the services. Therefore fixes the fee  
at \$1598.25 and by this sum making an  
extra allowance over statutory com-  
pensation.

James S. Ewing, guardian, appealed  
from the decision to the circuit court  
of Macon county, and filed an appeal  
bond.

## SPECIAL MUSIC.

The Duncan Sisters' Quartette at the  
Baptist Church Sunday.

The meetings begun Monday even-  
ing at the Baptist church, continue  
with growing interest. Last night  
five expressed their special interest  
and a very spiritual tone marks each  
meeting. The meetings will continue  
next week. A very special and help-  
ful feature of the meetings will be the  
singing of a ladies quartet, the Dun-  
can Sisters, from Whitehall. These  
ladies have sung in many of the large-  
est churches of the state. This is  
their first appearance in Decatur and  
their singing will doubtless be much  
enjoyed. They will be here to assist  
in the Sunday services tomorrow.

## SIX YEAR OLD CHILD

Ran Away from His Home in Buffalo,  
Ill.—Decatur Police Notified.

The Decatur police were notified to-  
day of the fact that Roy Hunter, a six  
year old boy, had run away from his  
home in Buffalo, Ill., and the officers  
were requested to keep on the watch  
for the child. The boy is described as  
being fat and wearing a double  
breasted suit of clothes made of  
checked cloth. He was last seen get-  
ting on the Edgingham accommodation  
train at Buffalo. The police are notifi-  
ed of all kinds of runaways, but it  
is rather unusual that so young a  
child voluntarily leaves his home and  
parents. It is thought possible that  
the boy will be found in Decatur.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.  
Holiday excursions via the P. D.  
and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your  
ticket agent will tell you all about  
it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

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PRICE'S  
CREAM  
BAKING  
POWDER**  
Awarded  
Highest Honors, World's Fair  
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

## THE TAX RATE

For City of Decatur This  
Year is \$7.16.

HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

But on Account of the Lower Assess-  
ments Taxes Will Not be Much  
Greater—Rates in the  
County.

County Clerk J. M. Dodd has re-  
ceived from the state auditor the  
formal notice of the state tax rate,  
which is 56 cents. The clerk now has  
the 250 or 300 different rates that are  
to be used in extending the taxes of  
the county and is about ready to begin  
that work. Deputy County Clerk  
Frank Dodd with his helpers, has  
been hard at work for some time past  
getting the tax books in shape for ex-  
tending.

On every piece of property in the  
county four general tax rates are  
levied. They are the state tax, the  
county tax, the county interest tax  
and the court house bond tax. In the  
city there are besides the four above  
named a city tax and a school tax.  
There is also a township tax.

The different tax rates in Decatur  
are as follows: State 55 cents, county  
15 cents, county interest 5 cents, court  
house bond interest 4 cents.

The rates for the township are as  
follows: Road and bridge 60 cents,  
township interest 10 cents.

The city rates are as follows: Mu-  
nicipal \$2.75, school \$2.25, city inter-  
est 5 cents, total \$7.16.

The rate for Decatur last year was  
\$6.91 and the year before \$7.35.  
Owing to the lower assessment the  
higher tax rate will not materially in-  
crease the taxes of property owners.

## THE STAGE.

FINE COMEDY TONIGHT.  
Joyt's new comedy, "A Stranger in  
New York," will be the attraction at  
the Grand tonight. It is the brightest  
and best of Joyt's productions and  
will be a joy and a delight to all who  
visit the Grand tonight.

NEXT WEEK.  
"McFadden's Row of Flats" will  
hold the boards Tuesday night, De-  
cember 6. The new selected company  
of clever people who interpret that  
very amusing and side splitting farce  
comedy is said to make the entertain-  
ment one of the most interesting  
amusements now before the public.  
The story of the "Flats" is a dramat-  
ization of those very clever pen  
pictures of R. F. Outcault of the  
New York Journal, and put into stage  
story by E. W. Townsend.

FRANK DANIELS.  
Wednesday night, December 7, is  
the day and date. Frank Daniels  
contains that the success of a comic  
opera depends on its having several  
whistles in it. By whistles he  
means tunes which the audience can  
remember and whistle after the opera  
is over. He declares that he would  
not take a comic opera which did not  
have at least three whistles in it.  
Four whistles, he says, with other  
things will do more success. He has  
nine whistles in "The Idol's  
Eye." That the opera has proved a  
big success is therefore according his  
rule, not all surprising.

## MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY J. Z. TAYLOR.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.	Var- iation.
Wheat—					
Dec.....	05 1/2	05 3/4	05 1/2	05 1/2	00 1/2
May.....	06 1/2	06 3/4	06 1/2	06 1/2	00 1/2
Corne.....					
Dec.....	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	00 1/2
May.....	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	00 1/2
Oct.....					
Dec.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	00 1/2
May.....	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	00 1/2
Oct.....					
Dec.....	9 3/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	9 3/4	00 1/2
May.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	00 1/2
Oct.....					
Dec.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	00 1/2

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 35,000; market, —.

Market, at way to slow.

Light, \$4.20; heavy, \$4.20; mixed, \$4.20; rough, \$4.20; \$4.20.

Heavy \$4.20; \$4.20; \$4.20; \$4.20; \$4.20; \$4.20.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 6,000; market, steady.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex.,  
has found a more valuable discovery  
than has yet been made in the Klondike.  
For years he suffered untold agony  
from consumption, accompanied by hem-  
orrhages, and was absolutely cured by  
Dr. King's New Discovery for Consump-  
tion, Coughs and Colds. He declares  
that gold is of little value in comparison  
with this marvelous cure; would have  
it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a  
tubful. Asthma, Bronchitis and all other  
lung affections are positively cured  
by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consump-  
tion. Trial bottles 10c, at J. E.  
King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.  
Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed  
to cure or price refunded.

'Possum Supper.

Friday evening the members of the  
Antioch Baptist church gave a possum  
supper, which was quite well attended.

Births.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hart  
of Detroit, Mich., formerly of this  
city, on December 32, a daughter.

See the display of pictures and  
frames in our window. Abel Carpat  
and Wall Paper Co.—8-1d





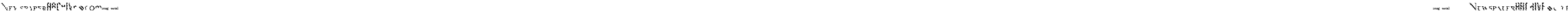
























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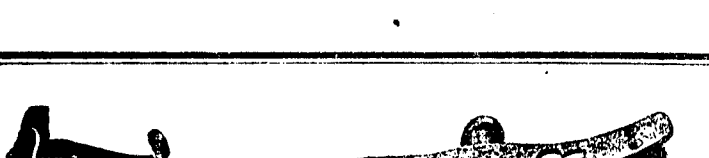


## Coming Events...

Make it important for people to seriously consider Winter Footwear. Warm, dry feet are conducive to good health. Hanan & Sons' Enamel Cork Sole Shoes for men are just the thing to get through the winter and not endanger your life by cold, damp feet. We are sole agents for this celebrated line of shoes made for ladies and gentlemen and are always correct.

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**WEST'S DRUG STORE.**

...Lincoln Square...

### LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koele.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Attend the assignee's sale of real estate at the court house at 1:30 p. m. Saturday. —1-dtf

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1462, old phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren. —5-dtf

Wanted—Wiping rags immediately at the Republican office.

Assignee's sale of the real estate of M. Eichinger, insolvent, at the court house, Saturday, December 2, at 1:30 p. m. See description of property in another column. —1-dtf

There was to have been a meeting of the ordinance committee of the city council last night but there was not a quorum present.

In a few days Northland's saloon will be moved from East Main street to 15th Franklin street, just south of Park street.

### Residence Remodeled.

The work of remodeling the residence of Attorney I. A. Buckingham will be completed this week. The house when finished will present an entirely different appearance. The new modern steep roof and the 12 foot porch making a great change in the exterior. One new room has been added upstairs and the interior repapered. There is also a new modern entrance which is a marked improvement.

### Dorcas Fair.

The members of the Dorcas society met at the home of Mrs. Ann Bobb on Thursday afternoon and arranged for the dinner and bazaar which will be given by them at the room formerly occupied by the tea store on East Main street on December 9 and 10. The proceeds will go to the Macon county monument fund.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRUX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WARDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

### Teams Wanted.

At once at Fletcher's bank, southwest of the city, to haul gravel. F. J. McDonald.

### Delays are Dangerous.

Many of your friends, or people whom you know of have contracted consumption, pneumonia or other fatal diseases by neglect of a simple cold or cough. Foley's Honey and Tar, a safe, sure and pleasant cough medicine, would have saved them. It is guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn and W. H. Hubbard.

### New Members.

The Knights of Macedonia held a special meeting last night at their hall. Two new members, George Wood and J. Bell, were admitted. J. F. Downer, grand commander of the order, and H. L. Storins, great lieutenant commander, both of Chicago, were present and the former made an address.

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## IMPROVEMENTS FINISHED.

Members of St. Patrick's Church Can Worsnip on Sunday.

By tomorrow night the improvements at St. Patrick's Catholic church will have been finished and on Sunday services will be held in the church which now looks almost like new on the inside. The improvements were of quite an extensive nature. The residence just north of the church and formerly occupied by the rector has been made a part of the church and thereby the seating capacity for about 300 persons has been added. The interior of the church has been entirely re-decorated and a new steam heating plant put in.

Services will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 and will be the beginning of the Forty Hours' Devotion. Following the morning mass, there will be adoration during the day and at night there will be a sermon. The same order of services will be repeated fine both in design and execution. The class have been working under the directions of Miss Carrie Russell, an art teacher at St. Louis, for the past three weeks and many of the designs introduced are original and modern. The figure painting which was a feature of Miss Russell's work will be introduced. The work will include salad, tower, fish, meat and berry sets, besides a number of useful and fancy articles, bon bon boxes, miniatures, dinner sets, tea and luncheon sets, etc.

## WRITES FROM CUBA.

Cassidy C. Jacobs Tells of His Experience With the 8th Regiment.

James J. Jacobs, the barber of this city, has received a letter from his brother, Cassidy C. Jacobs, who is a member of the 8th Illinois, the colored regiment, now at Santiago de Cuba. Jacobs writes that the temperature is 100 degrees. He thinks it likely that the regiment will remain in Cuba for the rest of the winter. He states that there is some talk of taking the regiment to the Paris exposition in 1900 to exhibit as the only regiment composed of colored men and commanded entirely by men of the same race. It is expected that the men will be home by next May. Jacobs writes that he thinks "riding on the deep" is not like taking a boat ride on Lake Michigan.

## SAFE CASE AT CERRO GORDO.

Many Opinions in the Town About the Missing \$557.

Alluding to the safe robbery at Cerro Gordo, by which Drunaw Brothers were separated from \$557, the New Era says:

"Since Monday morning there have been 796 opinions expressed about who did the job and how it was done. Some say it was a long and a short man, others say it was a man who had come to the bakery a couple of weeks ago for a lunch and had looked twice toward the safe while eating. Another opinion is that the safe was broken and cut up after it was open. Some say there was only one man connected with the affair, and others hint that there were eight or ten, to say nothing of a black dog. Some say the robbers came from 'way off,' and others that they are home grown. The only thing all agree on is that the safe is open and the money gone. There is no really good reason to suspect any particular person of the crime, yet there are slight clues which may yet develop into something. The opinions so far expressed are in reality but little more than guesses. Some may be true but there are more of them that are not."

## TEMPERANCE MEETING

Held Last Night by Elder Brooks at the Christian Tabernacle.

The meeting held last night by Elder Brooks, of Paris, at the tabernacle was attended by about 200 persons. The object of the meeting was to interest the people in a crusade against the use of liquor. Attorney A. F. Smith introduced Elder Brooks and referred to his sterling character as a man and of his fearlessness as a reformer. Elder Brooks read to the audience his statements of principles, a summary of which was printed in this paper yesterday. There was nothing done in the way of organization. It is expected that Elder Brooks will perfect his plans on the lines set forth and effect the organization at Paris, Ill., his home.

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Wants \$500. In the circuit court Thursday Thomas Brumgar started suit against the drainage commissioners of district No. 3, in Friends Creek township, for \$500. It is claimed that on November 3, 1899, the plaintiff got judgment against James W. Walton for damages caused by running a ditch across his property. The money was never paid and now suit is brought to recover it.

K. of P. Officers. Coeur de Leon Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., last evening elected the following officers:

C. C.—C. M. Reddick. V. C.—William Blonz. J. C.—C. E. Wheeler. M. of W.—J. G. Guisss. M. at A.—Fred Zeigler. K. of R. and S.—Fred W. Wismer. M. of E.—A. Kremling. M. of F.—M. Heilbrun. I. G.—E. J. Strader. O. G.—P. Christopher. Trustee for Three Years—J. Keck.

Entertained at Dinner. Thursday Miss June Roby entertained until Wednesday morning. At the solemn high mass Sunday morning Father Hugo Linus of the Franciscan order will be celebrant, Father Dacey of Effingham will be deacon and Father Murphy of Decatur subdeacon. Father Linus will preach Sunday morning and Father Dacey in the evening. Father Lee of Paris will preach Monday evening and Father Healy of Alton on Tuesday evening. Prof. Nico will have charge of the music Sunday morning.

Suit on Bond. In the office of the circuit clerk there has been filed an appeal in the case of the People of the State of Illinois for the use of Bashort and Carr for the use of T. S. Carr vs. Harry K. Midkiff, I. R. Mills and A. H. Mills. The case is a suit on Midkiff's bond, the Mills brothers being his bondsmen. The suit was heard by Justice Provost in his court on October 8. Mr. Carr claims that Constable Midkiff collected money for him and failed to turn it over. Justice Provost decided that the plaintiff had no case against Midkiff and dismissed it and now the case is appealed.

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## MOTHER AND SON.

Sad Mission of a Danville Woman to the Jail at Urbana.

Danville Press: Mrs. Rachael Collier of this city will go over to Urbana Saturday or Sunday, December 10 or 11, to pay a last visit to her son, Richard Collier, who is to hang in the Champaign county jail in that city on December 16, at noon. Her young son, boy, Columbus, will accompany her, at the special request of Richard. Mrs. Collier has been informed that pictures of her two sons, Richard and John, are ready for her in Urbana, and she will bring some of them home with her. Mrs. Collier says she will never believe her sons guilty of the crime of murdering Charles Freybryant while in their right minds. Both have been very flighty all their lives and if they committed the crime they were not responsible for their act at the time. She points to the manner in which they openly used the wagon and team of Freybryant at the time as proof of her convictions. They came to the city after their little brother Silas the Saturday night after the crime, saying that they would take him back to the Soldiers' Orphans' home at Bloomington, from which he had run away because of ill treatment and a desire to see his mother. They then went west, passing openly through the towns, including Urbana, where they were arrested while driving in front of the county jail. Mrs. Collier believes that if they had realized the gravity of their act they would have taken more precautions in hiding all evidences of the crime, and would have left the horse and wagon, or taken them to a considerable distance before trying to dispose of them.

## SALE AND DISPLAY.

Ceramic Club Will Hold One at Home of Miss Maria Buckingham Dec. 2.

The members of the Decatur Ceramic club will hold the annual exhibit and sale at the residence of Miss Maria Buckingham of 634 West William street on Tuesday, December 20, from 2 to 10:30 p. m.

Each member is given the privilege of inviting 25 guests. There are 14 members in the club. Mrs. Smith Walker will have charge of the refreshments.

The exhibit and sale was held at the home of the president, Mrs. M. W. Shultz, last year, and artistically and financially was a success. The work of the club which will be exhibited, and for sale this year is particularly timed six of her young lady friends at the dinner give at the First Methodist church.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. Date Set for T. P. A. Minstrel Convention at Danville in April.

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The program has not been arranged but will include specialties by the best talent in the association and city.

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